

WATERSHED PLANNING ACTIVITIES

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East Prong Little Pigeon River Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment: The watershed plan has been approved for funding. Funding for this project requires annual congressional appropriations. The project sponsor is the Sevier County Soil Conservation District. East Prong Little Pigeon River watershed streams are listed by the State of Tennessee as “partially impaired” because of agricultural activities. Of the 128,293 acre watershed, 85,395 acres are privately owned, and 42,898 acres are within Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Contact Tony Sexton, NRCS District Conservationist in Sevier County, Tennessee, (865/453-4664) for additional information.

Cane Creek Remedial Plan – Environmental Impact Statement: A draft remedial plan – EIS has been prepared and is in the early stages of NEPA review. The plan/EIS addresses proposed stabilization of the Cane Creek channel in Lauderdale County, Tennessee. Contact Richard Cooke, NRCS District Conservationist in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, (731/635-7686) for further information.

Oostanaula – Chestuee Watershed Plan – Environmental Assessment: A plan for water quality improvement in the watershed streams is being prepared to address impairments resulting from agriculturally related non-point source pollutants. The local sponsors are the McMinn, Monroe, and Polk County Soil Conservation Districts. For further information, your contacts are:

McMinn County: Jerry Frady
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Monroe County: Fred Walker
NRCS District Conservationist, Monroe/Blount Counties
(423) 442-2202

Polk County: Bill Dailey
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Supplemental Watershed Rehabilitation Plan – Environmental Assessment for the Mary’s Creek Watershed Floodwater Retarding Structure #8: Planning efforts are on-going to address the needed repairs for the Floodwater Retarding Structure number 8 in Shelby County, Tennessee. Needed are the replacement of a wave action berm, earthquake protection measures, and stabilization of the downstream plunge pool. This dam was built in 1954 and has a watershed drainage area of 286 acres. Rehabilitation of FWRS #8 is authorized under Public Law 106-472, the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 2000.